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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4592

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO, CG

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FORMIN BULA: ANGOLA

1. IN COURSE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BULA ON KIDNAPPING EARLY A.M. JUNE 1, HE REFERRED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA, TERMING IT VERY SERIOUS. HE CALLED ADMIRAL COUTINHO "COMPLETELY IRRESPONSIBLE" AND LAMENTED HE WAS SECOND MOST INFLUENTIAL MAN IN PORTUGAL. PORTUGUESE DELEGATION OF AFM OFFICERS VISITING ZAIRE, WHOM HE HAD MAY 31 TAKEN TO SEE PRESIDENT AT MOBUTU'S BIRTHPLACE (BADO-LITE IN EQUATEUR PROVINCE) HEADED BY ALVEZ WERE MORE REASONABLE AND PROMISED TO WORK TO STOP FIGHTING AND ASSURE PEACEFUL INDEPENDENCE. "WE WERE VERY FIRM WITH PORTUGUESE," BULA SAID WITHOUT BEING EXPLICIT. IMPLICITY FIRMNESS WENT TO GOP SUPPORT FOR MPLA AND CONTINUED ATTACKS ON MOBUTU.

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2. BULA THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE

ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE PEACEFULLY UNLESS SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO MPLA CEASED. HE REMINDED ME OF PAST US PLEDGES TO CONSIDER WAYS TO BE HELPFUL. I INTERJECTED THAT, AS HE KNEW, WE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE IN AFRICA'S INTEREST FOR US TO PICK SIDES AMONGST THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HE SAID "ALL RIGHT," BUT COULDN'T SECRETARY KISSINGER APPROACH SOVIETS TO STOP THEIR INTERVENTION AND THEIR ARMS SHIPMENTS. HE SUGGESTED THE SECRETARY COULD SAY TO SOVIETS IT WAS IN NO ONE'S INTEREST TO PRODUCE ANOTHER MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. I SAID I WOULD FORWARD HIS REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT., BUT WHAT IF SOVIETS CITED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR FNLA. IMPLYING THAT WAS DIFFERENT, AND STATING (INACCURATELY) THAT CHINESE WERE HELPING GOZ, NOT FNLA, HE REALLY HAD NO GOOD ANSWERS, OTHER THAN TO REITERATE HIS BELIEF THAT IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE MPLA, SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THEM, AND THE PRO-MPLA BIAS OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, ANGOLAN SOLUTION WOULD BE OBTAINABLE.

3. WE BOTH COMMENTED ON DIFFERING PREOCCUPATIONS OF OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. I SAID ANGOLA WAS CLEARLY MORE IMPORTANT SUBJECT FOR US BOTH IN LONGRUN, BUT THAT RIGHT NOW SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT IN US/GOZ RELATIONS WAS SAFETY OF OUR CAPTIVE CITIZENS.

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